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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

1. SEVERAL EA POSTS HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF EXCELLENT
SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPICS AROUND WHICH WE MIGHT FOCUS OUR
DISCUSSIONS AT THE FORTHCOMING CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

I AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S SUGGESTION FOR
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HANDLING SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS OF COUNTRIES (JAKARTA'S 4501, PARA 2) AND ALSO WITH HIS PROPOSED THREE MAJOR TOPICS. WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST TWO OF THOSE TOPICS (I.E., CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE; FUTURE FORCE DEPLOYMENTS IN EA), I WOULD HOPE THAT, IN ADDITION TO ASSESSING FUTURE TRENDS, WE CAN ALSO CONSIDER HOW WE MIGHT BEST DEAL WITH THE LIKELY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE TRENDS FOR COUNTRIES IN EA, PARTICULARLY AS THESE MAY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO SUSTAIN CONFIDENCE IN OUR CONTINUED CAPACITY AND DETERMINATION TO EXERCISE AN EFFECTIVE INFLUENCE IN THE REGION AND OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN THE COOPERATION OF OUR ALLIES IN SUPPORT OF US OBJECTIVES. I ALSO AM INTERESTED IN AMBASSADOR OSBORN'S SUGGESTION (RANGOON'S 8497), ALTHOUGH I MIGHT PREFER TO FOCUS AT LEAST PART OF THE DISCUSSION ON THE PROBLEMS POSED, MOST NOTABLY IN THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA, BY THE GROWING ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE UNDERDEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ACTING AS A BLOC, AND THE ADVANCED INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS.

2. AS A FURTHER TOPIC OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, I SUGGEST AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN INSURING THAT OUR BILATERAL INTERESTS AND RELATIONS ARE SUSTAINED AND HARMONIZED WITH OUR NECESSARILY INCREASING PREOCCUPATION WITH MULTILATERAL APPROACHES TO THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING US DURING THE REST OF THIS DECADE. IF ONLY BECAUSE SUCH PROBLEMS AS ENERGY AND FOOD ARE HIGHLY COMPLEX AND TECHNICAL, INVOLVING A BROAD SPECTRUM OF INTERESTS AND USG AGENCY INVOLVEMENT, THERE IS A REAL DANGER THAT BILATERAL US INTERESTS MAY NOT BE GIVEN THE WEIGHT AND ATTENTION THEY DESERVE. THIS, IT SEEMS TO ME, POSES A MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF US FOREIGN POLICY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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